GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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UTILIZATION OF FUNDS
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Will the Minister of URBAN EMPLOYMENT AND POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has failed to utilize the funds released for implementation of the National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of scavengers and their dependents;

(b) if so, the details of the funds sanctioned, released and utilized since inception of the scheme till date; and

(c) the steps being taken to overcome shortcomings n the monitoring system and provide maximum benefits to scavengers?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE (INDEPENDENT CHARGE) IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN EMPLOYMENT & POVERTY ALLEVIATION (KUMARI SELJA)

(a): Implementation of National Scheme of Liberation and Rehabilitation of Scavengers and their dependents (NSLRS) primarily rests with the State Governments.

Some of the reasons for under utilisation of funds under the Scheme are:-

(i) Unspent balances lying with the State Scheduled Castes Development Corporations (SCDCs)/State Govts. i.e. implementing authorities.

(ii) Lack of new schemes/proposals from the SCDCs/States.

(iii) Non-submission of utilization certificates by the States.

(b): The details of the funds sanctioned/released and position of Utilization Certificates (UCs) for the amount released to the various States/UT Governments since inception of the scheme in 1991-92 till 31st March, 2005 is as follows:

(Rs. in crore)

TOTAL RELEASE	TOTAL UCS RECEIVED	UCS DUE##
749.97	424.37	312.04

The funds released in 2004-05 not included.

(c): After review of Centrally Sponsored Schemes (CSS), the Planning Commission has decided to transfer, among others, NSLRS to the States w.e.f. Annual Plan BE 2005-06.